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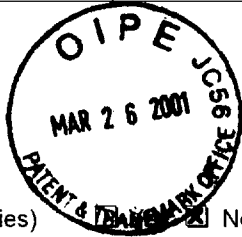
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A S S I G N M E N T

FOR ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, we,  
**Charles W. Needham, R. John Hurlbert, Nicholas Theodore**  
**And Volker H. Sonntag**  
being the joint inventors of certain improvements in a

**SURGICAL METHOD AND COMPOSITION THEREFOR**

hereby assign unto **C.R. Bard, Inc.**, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of State of New Jersey, and having a principal place of business at 730 Central Avenue, Murray Hill, New Jersey 07974, the entire right, title and interest in and to such invention, together with the patent rights and rights of protection to the same throughout the world, including any patent rights which may result from the application for United States Letters Patent Serial No. 09/077,340 filed May 29, 1998, and preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefor and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted thereon; said invention, application and Letters Patent to be held and enjoyed by the said assignee for its own use and behoof and for the use and behoof of its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term from which said Letters patent or other rights of protection may be granted, as fully and as entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us had this assignment and sale not been made.

AND WE COVENANT, AGREE AND WARRANT that we have a full and unencumbered title to the invention hereby assigned, and we further covenant and agree that we will, at any time upon request, without further compensation, execute and deliver any and all papers or instruments that in the opinion of the assignee may be necessary or desirable to secure said assignee the full enjoyment of the rights and properties herein conveyed or intended to be conveyed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereto set our hand and seal this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2001.

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**Charles W. Needham**

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**R. John Hurlbert**

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
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**Nicholas Theodore**

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**Volker H. Sonntag**

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.:

On this 27 day of February, 2001, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Nicholas Theodore, MD. to me known and known to me to be the individuals named in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and they being by me first duly sworn, did acknowledge that they executed the same as their own free act and deed and as and for the purposes therein set forth.

(seal)



*[Handwritten Signature]*  
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